

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

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| Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting | <b>Item ID</b> | 36402 | <b>Agenda Number</b> | 96. |
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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | 9/25/2014 | <b>Department:</b> | Parks and Recreation |
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**Subject**

Set a public hearing to approve the Pease Park Master Plan, developed in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, Pease Park Conservancy, and Wallace Roberts & Todd. (Suggested date and time: October 16, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at Travis County Commissioner's Court, 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, TX.)

**Amount and Source of Funding**

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| <b>Purchasing Language:</b> |  |
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| <b>Prior Council Action:</b> |  |
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| <b>Boards and Commission Action:</b> | Sept. 23, 2014- To be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board; Sept. 17, 2014 – To be reviewed by the Urban Forestry Board; Sept. 17, 2014 - To be reviewed by the Environmental Board; Sept. 9, 2014 – Approved by the Planning Commission on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Hernandez, Nortey and Varghese absent; Sept. 8, 2014 – Approved by the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 2-0 with Committee Member Osgood absent; Aug. 25, 2014 - Approved by the Design Commission on a 6:0 vote with Commissioner Almy absent. |
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| <b>Related Items:</b> |  |
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**Additional Backup Information**

The Pease Park Conservancy (PPC) and the Parks and Recreation Department have partnered on the development of the first master plan for Pease District Park, revealing an exciting vision for one of Austin's oldest parks. With an overall focus on enhancing and preserving the naturalistic feel of the park and adjacent Shoal Creek Greenbelt, opportunities were identified for improving gateways, sensitively adapting the historic Tudor Cottage restroom building and enhancing the playscape area. Additionally, the plan calls for more bridge crossings across Shoal Creek and a much improved and enhanced trail system.

The Master Plan will serve as the conceptual framework for the development of the park in the next 20 years. In conceiving the plan PARD included a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) comprised of key personnel representing various internal departments. The TAG committee provided input on future projects, requirements, regulations, and permitting issues associated with any and all proposed improvements within the master plan area. The public engagement process was robust and included three well-attended public meetings and an online survey that garnered nearly 1,000 responses.